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### **Henrik Dam Kristensen meets German Transport Minister in Berlin**

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On Tuesday 14 February 2012, Dr. Peter Ramsauer, the Minister for Transport, Building & Urban Development, and Mr. Henrik Dam Kristensen, the Minister for Transport, met to discuss transport issues on the agenda for the Danish EU Presidency.

The ministers discussed the current revision of the guidelines for the Trans-European Transport Networks (TEN-T). The TEN-T-proposal aims to create a new framework for better connections across the EU through targeted investments in infrastructure projects, particularly cross-border sections and the removal of bottlenecks. Among the issues being discussed between the ministers were particularly possible budgetary implications. Minister Ramsauer expressed Germany's concern about the current proposal and stressed the overall importance of a planning and budgetary reservation in the new regulation.

Both Germany and Denmark agree to foster the usage of Eco-Combis (modular vehicle combinations) at a European level. Eco-Combis have the ability to strengthen the efficiency of freight transport on roads, and to contribute to a better environment while relieving road networks, as two Eco-Combis can replace three conventional lorries.

The ministers also stated their strong support for the Fehmarn Belt Fixed Link. The establishment of a high class railway corridor between Scandinavia and Germany below the sea bed takes every consideration to environmental concerns, while the project at the same time dramatically improves the framework conditions for the railways. Also road transport will experience an immense improvement in efficiency with the Fehmarn Belt Fixed Link, to the benefit of growth, jobs and the environment.